



# SR 16 Tacoma Narrows Bridge

## One-Year Anniversary: Unparalleled Success



More than 14.6 million motorists cruised over the new Tacoma Narrows Bridge and its 1950 companion in the past year. Here are some of the numbers:

### Average east-bound commute speed on Highway 16 (6 a.m. to 10 a.m. Mon.-Fri.)

	Before new bridge	After new bridge
Burnham Drive	60.25 mph	60.37 mph
Wollochet Drive	22.28 mph	59.95 mph
Olympic Drive	12.37 mph	59.62 mph
36th Street	18.26 mph	60.34 mph

### Use of toll transponders (from July 16, 2007 to April 30, 2008)

- More than 102,000 accounts and 266,000 transponders
- 96 percent of Gig Harbor households have accounts
- Nearly 70 percent of toll payers used electronic toll lanes
- More than 85 percent of morning commuters use electronic lanes
- Nearly \$32 million raised from tolls
- Average of 40,000 eastbound trips each day (comparable to figure before the new bridge opened)
- Violation rate about 2 percent (national average is above 10 percent)

### Collisions on Tacoma Narrows Bridges 1999-2008

Year	Total Collisions	Serious Injury Collisions	Fatal Collisions
1999	44	3	0
2000	49	2	1
2001	67	1	1
2002	41	1	2
2003	66	0	0
2004	59	1	0
2005	58	1	1
2006	60	1	0
2007	23	0	0
2008	6	0	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>473</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>

### Collisions on Tacoma Narrows Bridges 1999-2008

- (bridge open) August 2007 to April 2008\*: 12
- August 2006 to April 2007: 29
- August 2005 to April 2006: 47
- August 2004 to April 2005: 45
- August 2003 to April 2004: 37

Source: State Department of Transportation

\* Latest figures available

### Quality of life for many motorists improved

Motorists commuting on SR 16 saw an immediate, positive change when the new eastbound Tacoma Narrows Bridge opened July 16, 2007.

*"...much to my delight, and several friends over in Gig Harbor, the new bridge has eased the traffic backups there used to be, have to admit I was totally wrong."*

**KG**

*"bridge traffic has improved tremendously!"*

**Cheryl Ingram**

*"it all works great. . ."*

**Kurt Mach**

*"...it was worth the wait and it's been wonderful . . . I used to dread the Friday commute home because traffic was usually backed up almost to Union. Now it's as easy as the morning commute . . ."*

**Jan Fitzgerald**

*"...the new bridge is awesome. . . my daily commute to Tukwila from Port Orchard is a lot more tolerable . . ."*

**Stephen R. Bowen**

*"...the work was outstanding and the result is truly spectacular . . ."*

**Barbara Samsen**

